Title: Need to provide sufficient funds for the developmental work on NH-17 in Kerala.

SHRI T. GOVINDAN (KASARGOD): Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Government towards the pathetic condition of the National Highway in Kerala especially NH-17 which is passing through the Northern region of Kerala.

Almost all essential commodities are brought from neighbouring States through this highway to Kerala. There are 10 railway level crossings in between Calicut and Kasaragod which are causing serious difficulties in passenger and goods traffic. Kerala Government have submitted a proposal to reduce the number of these level crossings to three -- namely, Chorode, Pallikkara and Padannakkad. The proposals have already been approved for the development and strengthening of NH-17 in the sectors of Teliparamba, Payyanur Vellur, Cherugathur and Pallikkara. But the developmental work is progressing very slowly.

I request the Central Government to approve these proposals and provide sufficient funds to construct three railway over-bridges. I also request the hon. Minister of Surface Transport to undertake these National Highway developmental proposals and provide sufficient funds for this purpose.